UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation Washington, D.C. 20240

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

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flanked by show windows and an entrance to the upper floors on the left. The show windows (now boarded) were designed to project slightly from the front facade. A four paned narrow transom surmounts the store entrance and show windows. Two marble steps lead to an entrance to the upper levels. The entrance (now boarded) features The decorative cornice of the storefront features a slightly larger transom. swags, dentils, and ornamental end brackets. The interior of the building is severely deteriorated, however it retains some fine details. It has wooden floors, plaster walls and a crumbling metal ceiling on The interior of the show windows feature wood pannels the first floor. and parquet strip flooring. The stairway in back of the store has collapsed and upper floors are not accesible. The rear of the first floor features a fireplace opening but the mantel has been removed.

Significance Cont.

West Baltimore Street commercial area rapidly grew in the second half of the nineteenth century and by 1880 nearly all of the buildings along major portions of the street were used for small businesses. During the 1920s, the area was at its business peak and housed some major national chain stores such as A & P and Singer Sewing Machines, as well as growing local chain stores such as Arundel Ice Cream. Three major theatres were located in this section of West Baltimore Street in the early twenieth centruy as well as some larger manufacturing uses such as the Foos Candy Company. After World War II, the surrounding neighborhood and the commercial area went through a stage of deterioration Today, with innovative programs like shopsteading, and a great deal of residential rehabilitation in Union Square, this historic section of Baltimore is undergoing revitalization.

This building, 1529 West Baltimore Street dates from c. 1870 and was probably built by Emanuel Brickerd, a local carpenter, whose name appears in early land records of the property. The building was originally a grocery but housed a saloon in the late nineteeth and early twentieth century. In the 1920s and 30s it was used for a confectionary and candy and tobacco company. Later, it was a liquor store durring World War II and the 1950s.

This building is fairly intact architecturally and retains a late nineteenth century storefront and fine interior details. It is contemporary of surrounding buildings and compatible to the late nineteenth century flavor of the street. The rehabilitation of this building through the shopsteading program will enhance revitalization efforts in this area and return an important element within the West Baltimore streetscape to its original appearance.

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